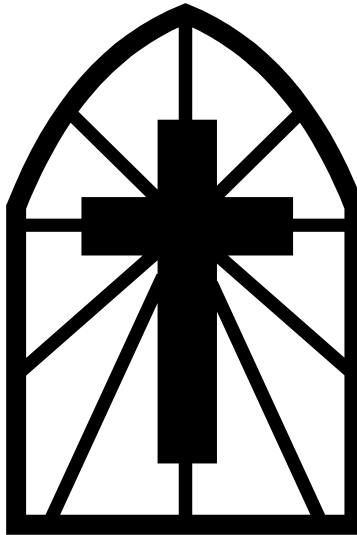


Announcements August 2018

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“We are a church called by Jesus Christ to Proclaim, Teach & Serve.”

In Our Prayers Jeri Salchow who is recuperating at Park Place in Elmhurst, Pat Kreibich and Cheryl Turek.

There is a list on the bulletin board in the Nelson-White Room on the “news” bulletin board. It shows the latest parishioners who are in a health center or are hospitalized. If you would like your name added to the board or put on the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Debbie Paton, Pastor
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To the saints at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church,

I continue to give thanks to God for all of you, for your faith, openness, and care.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community and lives, for sharing your stories and listening to mine, for wrestling with the questions and doing the work together, for your good humor, genuine love for others, conversations about challenges facing us today, for always seeking the Spirit's leading, and willingness to take risks.

A special thanks to the leaders of the church who continue to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Thank you for your friendship and trust. I have also been blessed to work with an extraordinary staff, who are gifted, hardworking, and fun. They have made my work easier. Thank you for your commitment and care.

You are blessed, and I encourage you to share this blessing with others; inviting them not only to church, but into your circles of caring, to share their stories and gifts as you do, to build a community together that continues to reflect and extend God's love.

I leave you feeling hopeful for your future, trusting that God is at work in you. Though I will no longer be your pastor, I will always be your friend.

It has been my privilege and joy to journey with you through this time of transition. The peace of Christ be with you.

Debbie

PS. Pastor Debbie's last Sunday will be August 12, and last day in the office will be August 15.

EPC LIBRARY

The library has been moved to the Tallman Room.

Come and check out the new arrangement.

The books can be borrowed and returned when you are done reading them.



NOTE FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Continued reminder that whenever there is a group meeting, please designate one person to “close” the church. This means to make sure all doors are locked and all lights are off.

Also, whenever there is an event in church (other than worship), the group planning and using the church facility needs to have someone in charge of clean-up: garbage out, new garbage bags in the cans, wiping up all counter tops, washing all dishes, putting them away, and taking home all dish towels that needed to be washed.

Thank you.

Marj Schuham, Buildings & Grounds

Dear Elmhurst Presbyterian Family of Faith -

Hello from hot San Antonio!

I was invited to write a note in the August Newsletter, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity. Speaking of grateful, we are full of gratitude these days. Just this week we signed a two year lease on a home that is near Conrad Fischer Elementary School where our boys will be starting school soon after we arrive. We are grateful to have found a house we like and grateful to my parents for helping us find it from afar.

We're in the process of securing quotes and finalizing the movers that will pack up our family and cars to head to Elmhurst! My last Sunday at my current call is on Sunday, August 12, and the very next day movers will be beginning to pack and load our things. On the 15th of August we'll all fly to Portland for my good college friend's wedding, and we'll return to Elmhurst on the 19th. We'll be using those last weeks of August to settle into the new home and community, and be fully prepared to dive in to church work on my start date of September 1.

We're all incredibly excited. I am excited to begin ministry with all of you and to learn about life and ministry at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church. Already I've seen the wonderful work you're doing in the community to be a welcoming place where Christ's love is shown. I look forward to joining you on that journey. Please continue to pray for me and my family as we say goodbye to another wonderful church community, Northwood Presbyterian Church. It's hard to leave such a wonderful community and to leave the beautiful town of San Antonio, so even though we are grateful, our gratitude is mixed with grief. We're saying goodbye and also saying hello.

When I arrive, one of the things I'll most be looking forward to is one-on-one (or small group) meetings. If you'd like to have coffee, or lunch, or tea, I'll look forward to that! My email address is smith.traci@gmail.com and I'm on Facebook and Instagram for those who like connecting via social media. Though we're very busy in the transition time, please feel free to connect with me and say hello so we can get to know one another.

Peace and many blessings to you,

Pastor Traci

August Summer Worship '2018

Starting in August Sunday morning church will be held in the sanctuary.

August 5	Acts 11:19-26	“How the Word Spread” - Communion
August 12	Acts 13:1-3	Commissioning of New Leaders” Pastor Debbie’s Last Sunday & Reception
August 19		Guest preacher
August 26		Guest preacher

Sunday School is outside! For the month of August, 5yr olds- 5th graders should come prepared to work in the garden! We will provide smocks, gloves, and hats for our gardeners. Come learn about God, nature, and our place through the immersive work of gardening! Youth studies taking the month of August off, too.

PADS

We are working on site cleaning, improvements and restocking over the summer. If you come across any of the following over the summer while attending garage sales or cleaning house, we are happy to have these gently used items for adult men and women:

- Jeans, Coats, Sweaters, Long Sleeve Cotton Shirts, Tennis Shoes and Boots
- Single sheets and pillow cases

Items that we stock that are purchased new include:

- Socks
- Underwear
- T Shirts
- Razors, shaving cream, deodorant, combs/brushes, ear plugs

We start back up the fall season beginning October 6th. Our first weekend to host is not until December 29th but we need volunteers beginning in October to open and close the site on Saturday from 5- 6 pm and Sunday mornings 6:45 – 7:30 am. Also, if you are interested in sorting donations and helping in other ways, please let us know! There are many ways to help!

For more information, please see Diana Riekse, Pam and Dave Fuesz, Alan West, Sue Hall or Faith Lee.

GARDEN NEWS August, 2018

Thank You

A heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who filled in for Ruth in July while her back was ailing and while she was on vacation!

Children’s Vegetable Garden

The garden began producing in July with the first delivery of vegetables to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry on July 9. The children will continue to water, weed, and harvest on Sunday mornings throughout the month of August. They are really great workers!

Garden Beds and Borders

It’s not too late to join the garden team! Helpers are especially needed for the Memorial Garden. See the sign-up sheet in the Nelson-White Room or contact Ruth Schroeter for more information (708-562-5346 or Schroeter-Ruth@yahoo.com).



Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)

Nursery Paint Day

In order to complete our Nursery’s “face-lift”, we need your help! Come Wednesday, August 15th to help paint the nursery, eat some pizza and spruce up our space for the children of EPC!



Confirmation

The month of September is the start of Confirmation! If you know of any students who are looking to be confirmed, please contact Emily Culella (eculella@gmail.com) to hear the details and start scheduling!



THE SESSION did not meet during the month of July, so know report from the Clerk of Session.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH will be the next Gun Violence Meeting at EPC in the Tallman Room after church. If you would like to know more about the group, stop by the Tallman Room. Contact person is Liz Johnson.

MOVIE GROUP is taking the summer off. The group will resume the first Saturday in September. Contact Susan Leslie at kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net to be added to the member list. The Movie Group meets the first Saturday of the month.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP will be taking the month of August off.

R.O.M.E.O. Group (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Will meet on Wednesday, August 22nd at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park.

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Contact: Doug Hall at (630) 279-8739.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY is taking the month of August off.

SOUND BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are asking for one or two volunteers to step up to be on our sound board ministry. The sound board ministry isn't very complex to learn, but it is a crucial part of our worship services at EPC. Please contact Pastor Debbie Paton at dlpaton@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping out.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – EPC CHURCH PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

The theme for the picnic is “Happy Days!” The picnic will be headed up by EPC Church Deacon’s.



News from The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, August 1st. Time: 1:00-2:30 P.M. in the Nelson White Room.

We sent 18 pocket prayers that were distributed to the families in Houston, as part of the mission trip.

Any questions please contact Mary Mueller at (708) 547-8793.

